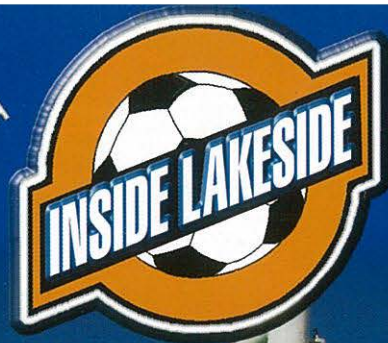
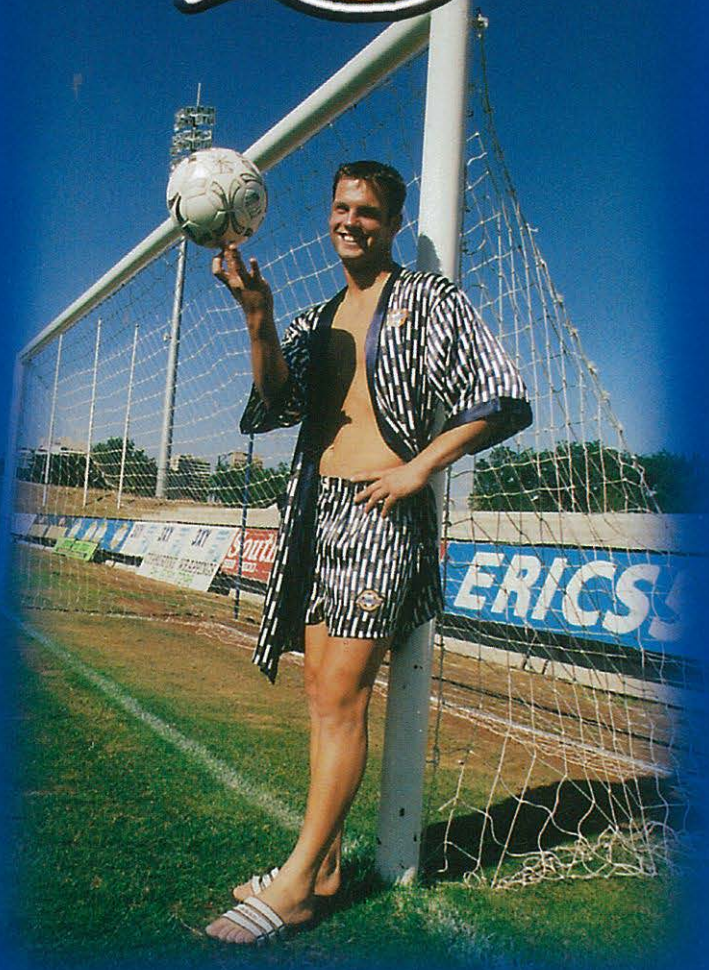


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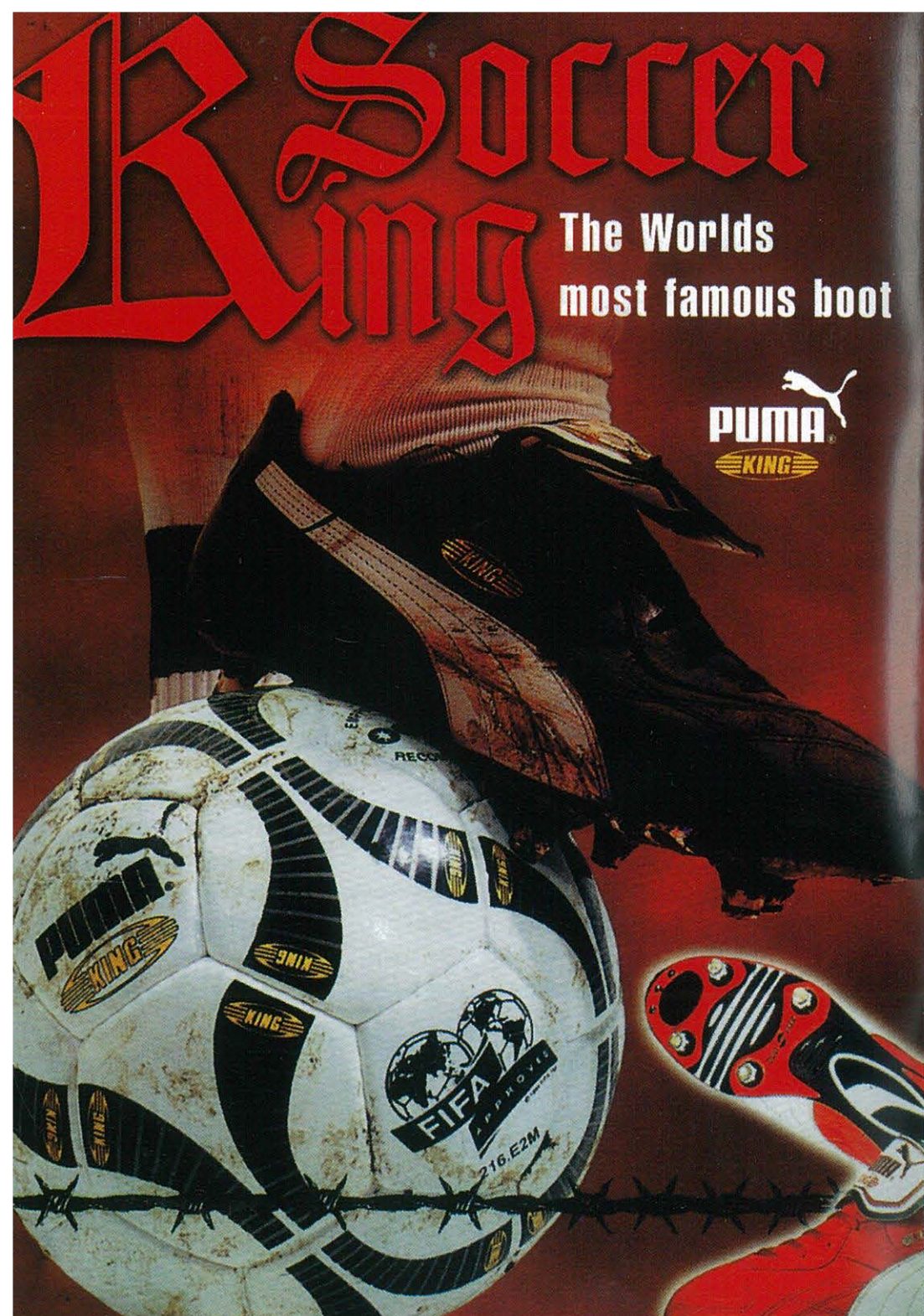


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MESSAGE FROM LIZ VASILOPOULOS

Welcome to our 7th home game at the Bob Jane Stadium. It's always exciting to watch our boys play, especially against another great Club, such as Adelaide City. It promises to be a great game.

A special welcome to all the ladies who have come along on Ladies Day, and especially to those who have come for the first time. I hope it is not your last!

My involvement in soccer started in 1978 through my husband, who became a Committee members at South Melbourne Soccer Club. Those days, we used to sit on wooden benches at the old Middle Park ground, with the wives of other Committee men and cheer our team on. Children followed, we have three, Dean, Nicholas and Marissa, who also never miss a game. You might say they were all born in-between games!

Whilst we had many good times at Middle Park, and we made a lot of friends, we were outgrowing our old home and needed a new one. Our prayers were answered through the Grand Prix. With the help of our Premier, Jeff Kennett and the Grand Prix Corporation, we moved to our new home (which needed major renovation!).

This was accomplished with a lot of blood sweat and tears, through the support of our Sponsors, Committee and our wonderful supporters, who are undoubtedly the best in the country.

Our family's involvement in the World Game culminated on a Saturday night at the MCG, where we witnessed a spectacle unparalleled to the game of soccer in this country. When the Australian flag entered the ground by a parachutist, I saw tears in my husband's eyes. I knew that he felt proud at that moment, because of the contribution that this great Club had made through the involvement of our players, Sponsors, officials and supporters of this game for over 40 years.

We congratulate our players, for after 12 hard fought games, they are currently in outright second position on the Ericsson Cup ladder, having achieved an excellent result last week at Optus Oval.

In closing, on behalf of all of us at South Melbourne, we wish you and your families a happy, healthy, safe and prosperous New Year.

A MESSAGE FROM THE COACH'S WIFE

LIVING WITH ANGE POSTECOGLOU

Match Day isn't exactly the day of the week I most look forward to in our house. It certainly isn't a day of leisure and usually consists of very little relaxation.

Things are always a little tense to say the least. If it's a Sunday, things get progressively worse while Ange watches 'On the Ball', which always seems to set his sombre mood! (nothing against 'On the Ball'!)

Ange usually commences his morning reading the papers; a practice with which he starts every morning. After this, he usually fills his time watching soccer videos and mentally preparing himself for the day's onslaught of pressures. Needless to say, there is very little communication between us! We usually spend match day in separate parts of the house.

Ange was always very intense on match days, even as a player. He's always been very engrossed in his thoughts, taking every game with extreme seriousness. Personally, I never thought this would get worse but it has since he's become Coach.

Although being Coach of South Melbourne is a dream come true for Ange - as was being a player for South- it certainly has its shortcomings when it comes to the pressures associated with the job.

It also doesn't leave much time for a social or personal life (or for much contribution around the house!), but regardless of this, we have both made some very special friends through soccer. And there's nothing like being a part, albeit a small one, of a team winning, or otherwise.



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AT SOUTH

Well, it's been a disappointing couple of weeks, after the result at the MCG for the Socceroos, but life goes on. And so do the rumors!!! Take a look....

- **Rumor has it....** that a certain committee member at South, was on holiday in Los Angeles and whilst sightseeing in his BMW (convertible), found himself in unfamiliar territory..... Try South Central LA..... Try getting lost there... Coming face to face with a bunch of La's toughest.. Sources say that upon return of the rented vehicle, the interior (upholstery) needed a thorough clean due to the fact that our member got scared.....!
- **TILL STUMPS AT 'STAYERS'**.....Found in a secret vault at South, were some interesting membership forms (dated 1984) for the then South Melbourne Cricket Club's "**Stayers Nightclub**"..... Amongst those party animals, were the likes of Sam Newman, Peter Landy, Drew Morphet, David Johnston, Michael Gudinski, Barry Bissell, Scott Palmer and a mystery Playboy pet. Also rumored to be in amongst these celebs, was South's one and only..... legal eagle....
- **ARMSTRONG. LAUMETS. MACKAY. ROUSIS. POULAKAKIS. XANTHOPOULOS.** Could we be seeing the likes of these past legends once again grace the pitch at BJS.... Well, if Ange Postecoglou takes the advice given to him at the last AGM, it could very well be true. Ange was seen taking notes at the meeting, from the suggestions made to him by the older contingent of members at the club that Sunday.....
- **Who's the shy boy now.....** There were frantic scenes in the South's change rooms last week. A photo shoot was called for, for LADIES DAY. Well all the boys beat a hasty retreat when told they had to pose in Lingerie... "Not me...." "Pick someone else..." No way!" were some of the printable comments heard... Until the Coach put his foot down (via his mouth) and we managed to get some reluctant models... Results previous page!

PETKA'S KEEPER

Since getting his chance a couple of seasons ago, in the Johnny Walker Cup, Michael Petkovic has never looked back. He has quickly become one of the young shining stars of the Ericsson Cup and a lucrative European contract doesn't seem that far away. Earlier this year, Michael broke many a young heart when he finally married his childhood sweetheart Emma. SM assistant coach, Michael Petersen, took on the challenge of interviewing our 'keepers own keeper'.

Mickey: Emma thanks for taking the time and sharing your thoughts with us on Ladies Day at South Melbourne. Where did you and Michael meet and how long have you been together?

Emma: We met at Hamilton High School back in Perth, we were 15. He had long hair and was always getting into trouble with wrong people. I joined the group, one thing led to another and we've been together ever since. It definitely wasn't love at first sight. It was a case of developing the relationship. We got married in July this year.

Mickey: Where do you live and what has the transition to Melbourne been like?

Emma: We live in a flat in Caulfield. It has two bedrooms and is quiet comfortable. I like there because it is a quite area. The transition to Melbourne has been easier for Michael, he has a ready made family with the players and Club. I miss my friends and family but I understand that Michael is a soccer player and sacrifices have to be made.

Mickey: You have a three year old daughter called Teaghan. What kind of father is Michael?

Emma: Well Teaghan has Michael wrapped around her little finger. He spoils her a lot but at the same time knows when to be disciplined if she is out of line.

Mickey: How do the Petkovics relax? What activities do you enjoy?

Emma: Michael loves watching soccer on TV, he also sleeps a lot. As a family we like to go to beaches, parties and the local pool. Sometimes our privacy gets invaded, but I accept that because it is part of the job and I support Michael 100%.

Mickey: How is Michael on match days? Does he have any strange rituals?

Emma: Michael can be grumpy some times, so I tend to stay out of his way. I make breakfast when he rises, usually about 10.30 (soccer starts on T.V), he has pre-match at 2.30. I normally cook pasta but lately he has changed to toasted sandwiches.

Mickey: Sounds like you spoil him a little.

Emma: Hope he appreciates it.

Mickey: Tell us some of Michael's qualities as a person. Alternatively does he have any bad points? Take it easy, he has to play today!

Emma:

1. Michael is very focused and dedicated with everything he does. Whether he is playing soccer or fixing something around the house.
2. He is a really good dad, he is always dotting over Teaghan.
3. He is a good husband because he always calls if he's going to be late.

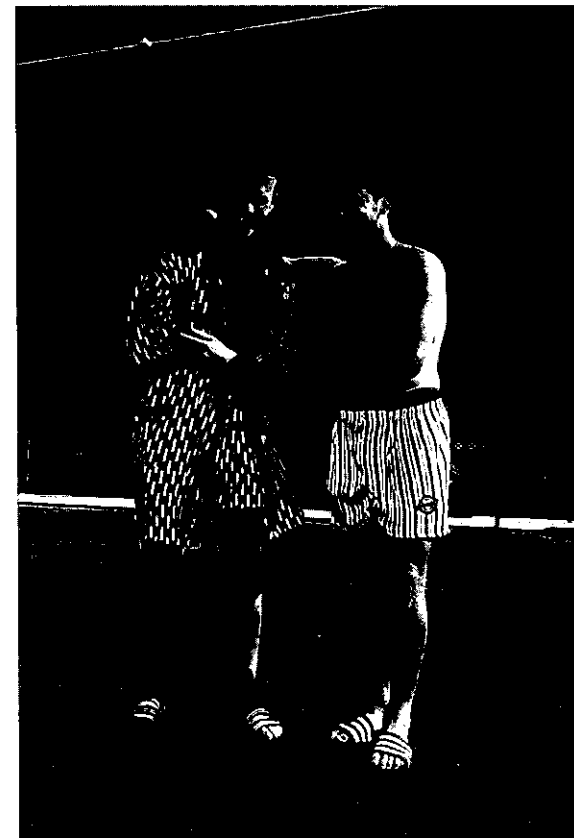
Now time to rip into him:

1. He always leaves his clothes scattered on the floor and I inevitably have to pick them up.
2. He never makes the bed. For some reason he thinks its his devine right; he may surprise me one day.
3. When I have the food ready, if something isn't quiet right he will have a bit of a moan. He will just leave it.

Mickey: Sounds like a bit of a nazi.

Emma: No comment, I might get into trouble. Overall we are very happy together, we have so much to look forward to in our future together as a family.

Mickey: Emma thanks for taking the time, hopefully the South faithful have a better insight into what makes the best ever goal keeper tick.



1964 - Another State League Championship

Due to the absence of a clearance, former Greek Second Division Kalamata player, Leo Damianakos was unable to play during 1964 and sat the year out on the sidelines. However by the time the 1965 season had arrived, his clearance had also found its way to Melbourne and he was able to play first team football again. The 18 year-old Damianakos who replaced the injured Adam on the left wing early in the season was one of the outstanding young prospects of Victorian soccer in 1965.

The 1965 team comprised the following: John Anderson, John Bedford, Stratos Kalogeros, Andreas Roussis, Sam Service, John Margaritis, Jim Pyrgolios, Boullis Kambouropoulos, Ernie Ackerley (scored 16 goals in the Championship), Mike Mandalis and with Leo Damianakos on the wing.

Mike Mandalis had the misfortune to break his leg in the later stages of the league season playing against Triestina. John Anderson represented Australia in the World Cup side and their Tour of the Far East.

The **Australia Cup** was a post season competition involving the leading clubs from the various states. In 1965, Hellas, as Victorian champion, entered the competition in the Quarter Finals.

Quarter Finals. Saturday October 31, 1965

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Damianakos)

ADELAIDE JUVENTUS 0

Olympic Park, Melb. Att: 10,000. Referee: Tony Boskovic (Sydney).

HELLAS: Tsitos, Kalogeros, Solopitas, Papadopoulos, Roussis, Mantarakes, Pyrgolios, Kambouropoulos, Ackerley, Margaritis, Damianakos

JUVENTUS: C. Horvath; C. Di Bartolo, Baggio, Jennings, Rosetto, Crawford, Johnny Moriarty, Cooper, J. Perin, Peter West, Govelli.

Semi Finals - 1st Leg. Sunday November 7, 1965

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 2 (Damianakos, Ackerley)

APIA 2 (McKinnon, Wong)

Olympic Park, Melb. Att: 12,000. Referee: W. Hosie (Adelaide).

HELLAS: Tsitos, Kalogeros, Solopitas, Papadopoulos, Roussis, Mantarakes, Pyrgolios, Kambouropoulos, Ackerley, Margaritis, Damianakos.

APIA: Audato Iglesias; Cliff van Blerk, Nuttall, Bennett, Sambrook, Bottalico, Muir, Garcia, Campagna, McKinnon, Giacometti, Wong.

Semi Finals - 2nd Leg. Sunday November 14, 1965

APIA 4 (Giacometti 2, Garcia, McKinnon)

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS 1 (Ackerley)

Wentworth Park, Sydney. Att: 7,400. Referee: W. Hosie (Adelaide).

APIA: Iglesias, Van Blerk, Nuttall, Bennett, Sambrook, Fil Bottalico, Muir, McKinnon, Campagna, Garcia, Giacometti, Wong.

HELLAS: Tsitos, Solopitas, Mantarakes, Kourkoulakos, Kalogeros, Roussis, Papadopoulos, Pyrgolios, Kambouropoulos, Ackerley, Margaritis, Damianakos.

APIA won 6-3 on aggregate

Team	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Sth Melb Hellas	22	15	4	3	53	19	34
George Cross	22	14	4	4	47	21	32
Juventus	22	15	0	7	44	26	30
Slavia	22	12	5	5	40	24	29
JUST	22	12	2	8	41	31	26
Croatia	22	11	3	8	41	28	25
Hakoah	22	8	7	7	32	27	23
Polonia	22	7	7	8	19	24	21
Wilhelmina	22	6	6	10	31	43	18
Melbourne	22	2	8	12	21	40	12
Lions	22	2	4	16	21	59	8
Triestina	22	1	4	17	18	66	6

YOUTH TEAMS REPORT TEAM LISTS

YOUTH TEAM

- 1 Theodore Patsiotis
- 2 Socratis Pappas
- 3 Louie Rozanitis
- 4 Zivanovic
- 5 Robert Liparoti
- 6 Tas Psonis
- 7 Gary Kostakis
- 8 Kon Karasavidis
- 10 James Kasikakis
- 11 Sam Klidonas
- 12 Tas Tragakis
- 13 Evan Papadopoulos
- 14 John Tambouras
- 15 Jim Drossos
- 18 Grant Kennedy

ROCKETS

- 1 Frank Manganis
- 2 Aleksandar Mrkic
- 3 Philip Kiathas
- 4 Adem Kose
- 5 Nondas Manolitsis
- 6 Ozan Kara
- 7 Julian Zach
- 8 Leigh Squillaciotti
- 9 Erhan Bayraktar
- 10 George Loupos
- 11 Aytac Yilmaz
- 12 Joseph Falcone
- 13 Armando De Oliveira
- 14 Stuart Jones
- 15 Christian Barra
- 16 Steve Hatzl
- 17 Greg Trapis
- 18 Robert Murone
- 20 Nick Flaounas

LEAGUE LADDER SOUTHERN DIVISION

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
Carlton	10	9	0	1	21	4	27
Melbourne Knights	10	8	0	2	38	12	24
Gippsland Falcons	9	8	0	1	20	5	24
VIS	9	6	0	3	27	12	18
Bulleen Inter	10	4	1	5	13	17	13
Heidelberg United	9	4	1	4	11	16	13
Bentleigh Greens	9	3	1	5	9	17	10
Albury-Wodonga		9	2	0	7	12	16
South Melbourne	9		2	6	11	18	5
Altona Magic	9	1	2	6	11	26	5
South Melbourne Rockets	9	1	1	7	9	38	4

ROUND 11 RESULTS

Altona Magic	v	Albury Wodonga	1 - 2
VIS	v	Heidelberg United	7 - 0
Carlton	v	South Melbourne	2 - 0
Melbourne Knights	v	Bulleen Inter	2 - 1
Rockets	v	Gippsland Falcons	1 - 6

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Sun Dec 28	Rockets	v	Youth	Bob Jane Stadium	3.30pm
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OUR VISITORS

South Melbourne and Adelaide City were many pundits pre-season tips for the championship and now half-way into the 1997/98 season both Clubs have demonstrated why they will figure prominently in the finals. The Zebras have played several games less than their rivals, due to several games being postponed. Their first home game of the season against Wollongong was postponed, until February 1998, because of the redevelopment of Hindmarsh Stadium. In addition, their games against the Melbourne Knights (round seven), Newcastle Breakers (round eight) and Adelaide Sharks (round 11) were postponed until the new year because of the World and Confederation Cup commitments of the Zebras' four Soccerroos. This will ensure that Adelaide City's fixture backlog will see them play two games a week in January and February. Ominously for the rest of the league only one of these fixtures against the Knights, will be played away from Adelaide. Bearing in mind that two home games had to be played at Norwood Oval with a bumpy pitch not conducive to soccer, because of the unavailability of Hindmarsh and its little wonder that the Zebras are quite content with their current league position.

The side assembled by John Nyskohus will only get better and stronger in 1998 when it starts playing together regularly and develops more cohesion and understanding. John Nyskohus, in his second season as Adelaide City Coach, made several important signings before the start of the season. He bought Scott Thomas (Newcastle Breakers), goalkeeper Leslie Pogliacomi (Marconi) and most impressively, Kris Trajanovski (Uts Olympic). Add that to the Club's record goal-scorer Damian Mori, back from Germany's Borussia Moechengladback. Michael Musitano (Canberra Cosmos), Sergei Vaskin (Ukraine), Joe Barbaro (Free agent) and Adrian Iandorio (Adelaide Sharks) have all left the club.

The Zebras most impressive performance to date was their 4 - 1 win over the Glory in Perth. Two goals by Michael Brooks and one each by Trajanovski and Salapasis silenced the vocal Perth crowd and upstaged Samson Siasia who was making his debut. Losses to Sydney United and Carlton saw the Zebras in an uncharacteristically low position but single goal wins over Canberra, Brisbane and UTS Olympic saw Adelaide City enter the top six. The Zebras chose the reopening of Hindmarsh stadium to show their potential, thrashing Marconi 5 - 0. Damian Mori was in outstanding form, scoring a hat-trick.

The four Zebras in the Soccerroo World Cup squad (Tobin, Mori, Ivanovic and Petkovic) was the highest representation of any club. In fact, the World Cup squad that faced Iran included nine current or ex-Zebras.

Goalkeeper Jason Petkovic, older brother of South Melbourne's Michael, has beaten some illustrious names to become Australia's number three goalkeeper. The unassuming keeper replaced the popular Robert Zabica in the Zebra goal several seasons ago and has quickly developed into a dependable goalkeeper. Milan Ivanovic and Alex Tobin have become the finest defensive partnership in NSL history. Combined, they have played over 600 games for the Zebras and were at the heart of the Club's success in the 1990's helping Adelaide City reach four successive Grand Finals between 1992 and 1995 for two wins (1992 and 1994).

Milan Ivanovic has achieved virtually everything there is to win in the Australian game. The 1990/91 NSL player of the year and dual championship winner has been, until recently, a permanent fixture in the Soccerroo line-up since making his debut in 1991 against Czechoslovakia. The 37 year-old showed that he still has what it takes at the highest level in a superb display at the heart of the Aussie defence to keep Ronaldo, Bebeto and co goalless in the recent Confederations Cup.

Side-by-side with Ivanovic over the last decade has been Soccerroo captain Alex Tobin. The dependable central defender has played in all three of the Zebras championship sides and has earned a reputation at Club and international level as a great man-marker. Tobin also holds the record for the most finals appearance by an individual, he has played in 33 finals since 1986; a figure he will be eager to add to in 1998.

The most impressive of all the Zebras new players has been the re-signing of Damian Mori. Frogger, who had a spell at South Melbourne in the late 1980's moved to Germany's Borussia Moechengladback after his record breaking effort in 1995/96. A year later, the Zebra's highest ever goal scorer has returned to terrorize NSL defences. His 31 goals in 1995/96 was a record and included his famous 3.69 second goal against Sydney United.

Adelaide City has a powerful squad that combines the experience of Tobin and Ivanovic with the skill and enthusiasm of youngsters like Angelo Castanzo, Brad Hassell (who broke his arm twice and missed the side's first four games), Nick Sabljak and Dino Mennillo. Such is their depth that World Youth Championship hero Kosta Salapasis has been unable to claim a regular spot in the side.

PREVIOUS RESULTS SOUTH MELBOURNE V ADELAIDE CITY (Courtesy of John Punshon)

Played 49 Goals	Won 22 For 58		Drawn 8 Against 59		Lost 19	
	H	A	H	A		
11977	0-0	0-2	1988	0-1	2-1	
1978	5-0	1-1	1989	0-1	2-2	
1979	1-0	0-3	1989/90	1-0	0-3	
1980	2-1	1-0	1990/91	3-1	1-4	
1981	0-0	0-2	1991/92	2-0	0-1	
1982	0-3	1-1	1992/93	2-1	0-0	
1983	2-1	0-1	1993/94	3-0	0-3	
1984	1-0	3-2	1994/95	3-1	1-2	
1985	2-1	2-2	1995/96	2-0	2-1	1-3
1986	1-1	0-1	1996/97	0-2	1-2	
1987	1-0	2-0				

South Melbourne score is first

FINALS MEETINGS

1988	1-2	Marconi Stadium
1994/95	3-1	Marconi Stadium
1996/97	0-1	Paramatta Stadium

1997/98 ERICSSON CUP TABLE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	POINTS
Sydney United	12	7	4	1	19	10	25
South Melbourne	12	6	5	1	27	17	23
Perth Glory	12	6	2	4	19	19	20
Carlton	12	5	5	2	16	11	20
Adelaide City	8	6	0	2	17	7	18
Wollongong Wolves	11	5	1	5	26	12	16
Melbourne Knights	11	4	4	3	16	13	16
UTS Olympic	12	5	1	6	13	17	16
Adelaide Sharks	11	4	2	5	17	19	14
Marconi Fairfield	12	4	2	5	12	19	14
Brisbane Strikers	12	4	0	8	9	14	12
Gippsland Falcons	12	2	5	5	6	14	11
Canberra Cosmos	12	1	5	6	9	26	8
Newcastle Breakers	11	1	4	6	13	21	7

LEADING GOAL SCORERS

Pablo Cardozo	Adel Sharks	10
Scott Chipperfield	Wollongong	10
Damien Mori	Adelaide City	6
Abbas Saad	Sydney United	6
Tom Pondeljak	Melb Knights	5
Clayton Zane	Newcastle	5

THIS WEEK'S GAMES

Round 13

Sat Dec 13	7.00pm	Marconi	v	Newcastle
Sun Dec 28	6.30pm	Wollongong	v	Carlton
Sun Dec 28	5.00pm	Perth	v	Sydney Utd
Sun Dec 28	7.30pm	Adel Sharks	v	Melb Knights
Sun Dec 28	6.00pm	Gippsland	v	Brisbane
Sun Dec 28	6.30pm	UTS Olympic	v	Canberra

NEXT WEEK'S GAMES

Round 14

Fri Jan 2	7.30pm	Newcastle	v	Marconi
Fri Jan 2	7.30pm	Syd United	v	Perth
Sat Jan 3	5.30pm	Carlton	v	Wollongong
Sat Jan 3	7.00pm	Brisbane	v	Gippsland
Sun Jan 4	6.00pm	Melb Knights	v	Adel Sharks
Sun Jan 4	7.30pm	Adel City	v	Sth Melbourne
Sun Jan 4	7.30pm	Canberra	v	UTS Olympic



SOUTH MELBOURNE

1. Michael Petkovic
2. Steve Iosifidis
3. Fausto De Amicis
4. Nick Orlic
5. Con Blatsis
6. David Clarkson
7. Steve Panopoulos
8. Vaughan Coveny
9. Paul Trimboli
10. Michael Curcija
11. Billy Damianos
12. Con Boutsianis
13. Jason Polak
15. Goran Lozanovski
16. Tansell Baser
17. John Anastasiadis
18. Robert Liparoti
19. George Goutzoulis
20. Chris Jones
21. John Tambouras
22. Frank Catalano

Shots at Goal :

Corners :

Free Kicks :

Offsides :

Referee:

Crowd:

Weather:



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1. Jason Petkovic
2. Bradley Armour
3. Mark Yates
4. Milan Ivanovic
5. Alex Tobin (C)
6. Angelo Costanzo
7. Damien Mori
8. Bradley Hassell
9. Dino Mennillo
10. John Gibson
11. Kris Trajanovski
12. Michael Brooks
13. Mark Brazzale
14. Kosta Salapaspasidis
15. Travis Dodd
16. Ross Verschoor
17. Michael Pirone
18. Scott Thomas
19. Michael Cartwright
20. Anthony Breaden
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FROM THE INTERNET

El Tel's undies, 30, Fitzroy
"Tell the LA Lakers to go and get stuffed."

Dated 15/12/97
George K, 22, Elsternwick

"Just want to say it was a great win last night, congrats to Angie and the team. Let's kick Carlton's butt next week!!"

Dated 12/12/97
Nick T, Meadow Heights

"Being an (ex) LA Lakers fan, and a die hard South fan, I would just like to express my (and many other fans) disappointment at the recent request from the LA Lakers for South to drop it's adopted nick name. We all know that the Lakers nickname was chosen purely because of the team's location. It had nothing at all to do with the NBA or any of its franchises. Apparently the La Lakers want South to change it's name because they think that somehow we are going to be competing with them for the marketing dollar. Really, how stupid are they?"

"There is no way known that South could ever even hope to compete with LA in the marketing field. What makes their argument even more stupid is the fact that the two teams play completely different sports, on opposite sides of the globe. Sure if South were a basketball team I could probably understand their request, because in that circumstance there MAY have been some confusion between our Lakers and them."

"The fact is if the change of name has to be made, so be it. I am sure the fans will support whatever choice is finally made, it is just a shame this had to arise in the first place."

"Here's a suggestion for the LA LAKERS, I think you should change your name to the MA LAKERS (with no spaces), as that it exactly how you are acting. Grow up and play a real sport."

Dated 9/12/97
Bells, 18, Torquay

"I think you should get rid of all those losers behind the goals cos quite frankly that's what they are. Those new supporters that grace the score board end of the ground are legends. They've been dubbed Shadwell Boys because of the obvious similarities and are what we need more of here at South."

"The losers are directly behind the goals and they are giving us a bad image the way they carry on after a goal so tell the security to throw them out...at least."

"Hopefully the team can get back on track after their dismal performance away to Perth."



JOHN ANASTASIADIS
Position Midfielder
Born 13-8-68
Height 179cm
Weight 76kg
NSL Games
Last Club Paok
Internationals Youth
Debut 1997
Nickname
Shirt No 17



VAUGHAN COVENY
Position Striker
Born 13.12.71
Height 6'2"
Weight 85kg
NSL Games 116
Last Club Wollongong
Internationals New Zealand
Debut 1995
Nickname Kiwi
Shirt No 8



TANSELL BASER
Position Defender
Born 17.4.78
Height 190cm
Weight 75kg
NSL Games 25
Last Club Broadmeadows
Internationals Youth
Debut 1995
Nickname
Shirt No 16



MICHAEL CURCIJA
Position Striker
Born 27.6.77
Height 183cm
Weight 80kg
NSL Games 32
Last Club AIS
Internationals Youth
Debut 1995
Nickname
Shirt No 10



CON BLATSIS
Position Defender
Born 6.7.77
Height 190cm
Weight 88kg
NSL Games 37
Last Club AIS
Internationals Youth
Debut 1995
Nickname Blats
Shirt No 5



BILL DAMIANOS
Position Midfielder
Born 18.4.77
Height 174cm
Weight 70kg
NSL Games 57
Last Club Sunshine GC
Internationals Youth
Debut 1994
Nickname
Shirt No 11



CON BOUTSIANIS
Position Midfielder
Born 27.12.71
Height 5'10"
Weight 75kg
NSL Games 37
Last Club Collingwood
Internationals
Debut 1988
Nickname Bootsi
Shirt No 12



FAUSTO DE AMICIS
Position Defender
Born 26.6.68
Height 170cm
Weight 65kg
NSL Games 139
Last Club Melbourne Knights
Internationals Socceroo
Debut 1996
Nickname
Shirt No 3



DAVID CLARKSON
Position Midfielder
Born 1.2.68
Height 176cm
Weight 70kg
NSL Games 108
Last Club Happy Valley HK
Internationals
Debut 1996
Nickname Clarky
Shirt No 6



GEORGE GOUTZIOULIS
Position Midfielder
Born 18.1.78
Height 180cm
Weight 69kg
NSL Games 2
Last Club Bentleigh Greens
Internationals
Debut 1996
Nickname Shaggy
Shirt No 19



STEVE IOSIFIDIS
Position Midfielder
Born 28.12.73
Height 184cm
Weight 76kg
NSL Games 37
Last Club Heidelberg UTD
Internationals
Debut 1996
Nickname Yosa
Shirt No 2



MICHAEL PETKOVIC
Position Goalkeeper
Born 16.7.76
Height 6'3"
Weight 80kg
NSL Games 41
Last Club Perth Kangaroos
Internationals Olyroos
Debut 1995
Nickname Petka
Shirt No 1



ROBERT LIPAROTI
Position Defender
Born 2.4.78
Height 6'4"
Weight 85kg
NSL Games 1
Last Club Bulleen
Internationals
Debut 1996
Nickname Lipa
Shirt No 18



JASON POLAK
Position Midfielder
Born 9.1.68
Height 5'11"
Weight 80kg
NSL Games 183
Last Club Newcastle Breakers
Internationals Socceroo
Debut 1992
Nickname
Shirt No 13



GORAN LOZANOVSKI
Position Midfielder
Born 11.1.74
Height 180cm
Weight 86kg
NSL Games
Last Club Collingwood
Internationals Socceroo
Debut 1997
Nickname Lozo, Gibbo
Shirt No 15



PAUL TRIMBOLI
Position Striker
Born 25.2.69
Height 173cm
Weight 74kg
NSL Games 290
Last Club Sunshine GC
Internationals Socceroo
Debut 1988
Nickname Trimmers
Shirt No 9



NICK ORLIC
Position Defender
Born 6.8.70
Height 6'3"
Weight 92kg
NSL Games 98
Last Club UTS Olympic
Internationals
Debut 1996
Nickname
Shirt No 4



Manager/Coach:
Ange Postecoglou



Assistant Coach
Carl Halford



STEVE PANOPOULOS
Position Midfielder
Born 23.6.75
Height 169cm
Weight 68kg
NSL Games 77
Last Club Oakleigh
Internationals
Debut 1992
Nickname Pana
Shirt No 7



Assistant Coach
Mike Petersen

Konny's Corner

FAREWELL LAKERS

Just when you thought SM. was showing some stability, on and off the field, and past controversial issues were seemingly behind us, out jumps a major issue which can't be taken lightly. Due to the Los Angeles Lakers threatening legal action over SM's use of the Lakers name, the SM. committee felt we were better off dropping the name. Considering we had only used 'Lakers' for a couple of years and the thousands of dollars in legal costs that may have been involved in attempting to keep the name, money better off spent elsewhere, it seems to be a wise decision.

This has sparked a debate on whether SM. should return to its original Hellas name and or logo. For some fans, who felt the committee didn't fight David Hill when the old Hellas emblem was outlawed by Soccer Australia (SA), last season, this is a very passionate issue.

With crowds presently down on last season at BJS, SM. President, George Vasilopoulos has not discounted the return to the Hellas name with a similar yet updated logo. This is a direct attempt to bring back fans that feel betrayed, as they somehow feel the Club has lost its Greek heritage.

Despite what you may have read or heard about the SG, many wrongly calling us 'anti-Greek', I agree that the new logo should be predominantly blue and white, indicating the Club's beginning and heritage. I'm sure something similar to the Knights and Sydney United logo is adequate, where the Croatian red and white checks are incorporated in a logo that makes everybody feel a part of the Club, regardless of their background.

But a return to the name 'Hellas', regardless of the fact SA doesn't allow it, would be a backwards step in SM's and soccer's push to become more mainstream. Hellas is the name that will always be synonymous with SM., but to have it as its official name will not only be telling people where we came from. It would also be telling fans, prospective and current, as well as sponsors where we are heading in the future.

I, like most, grew up with the Hellas name and logo and in my heart the team will always be Hellas. Despite this, I understand the importance of opening our doors and making everybody welcome. SM. doesn't belong to any one nationality or person it belongs to all past, present and future generations of supporters.

There are those who will inevitably say this change will bring more support. Even if this is right, it will attract the people who probably attend 2 or 3 matches a year at best. This may be okay in the short term, but for long term viability, another nick name would be more appropriate. Let us not forget the 85,000 people at the MCG just a few short weeks ago. We must be finding ways of attracting these people to our games and eventually turning them into members. We have NEVER made a decent attempt to attract fans from outside the Greek community.

Already some members of the club have told me how they will cease to support the club if the Hellas name returned; perhaps a drastic step. But maybe those of us from Greek heritage have been blind to how uncomfortable people of a non-Greek background would feel following a club named after another country. Maybe the best way of looking at things would be, if there was no such thing as South Melbourne SC, would you follow a team named Melbourne Croatia or Hakoa? Perhaps not.

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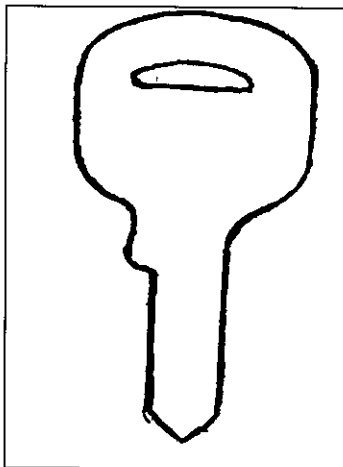
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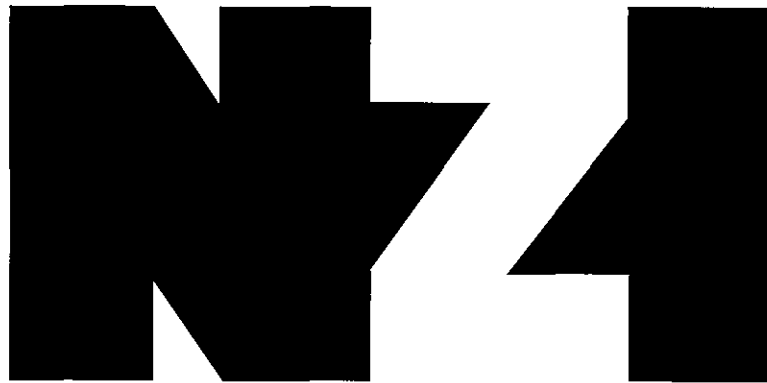
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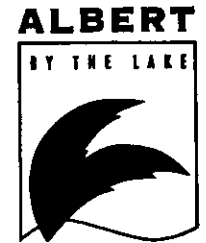
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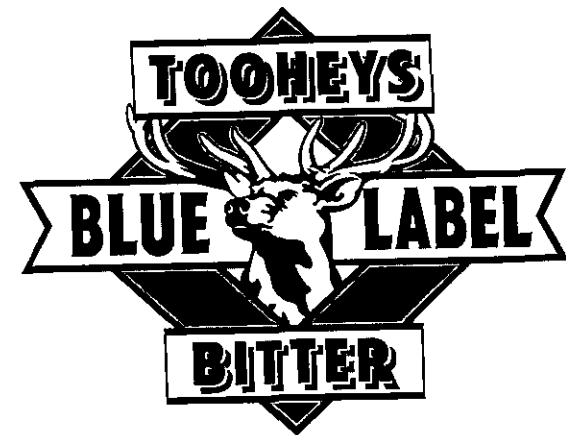
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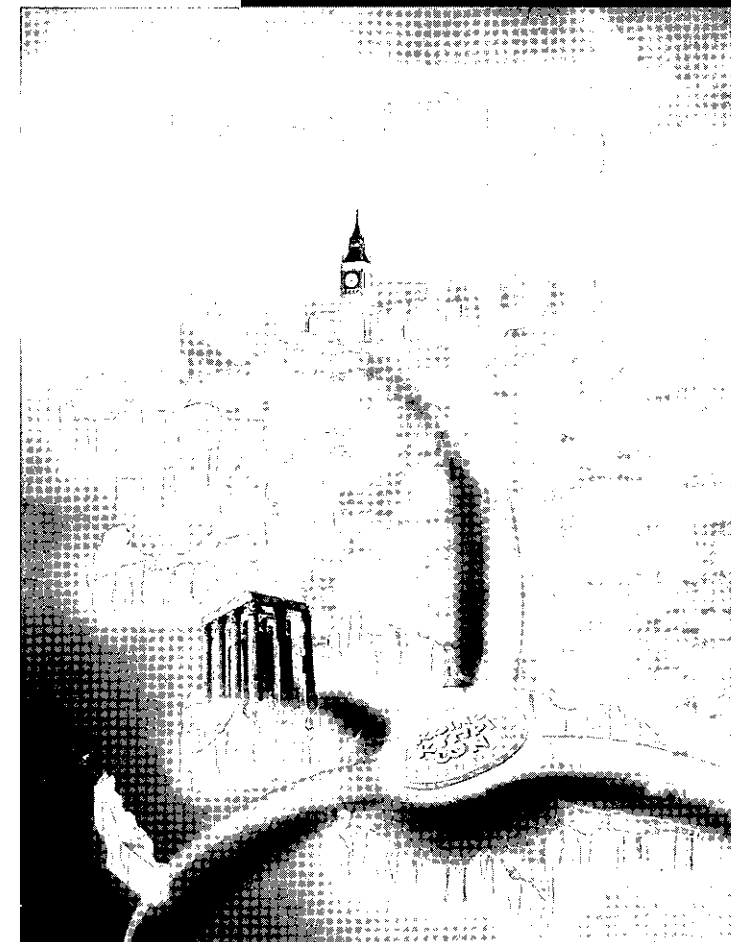


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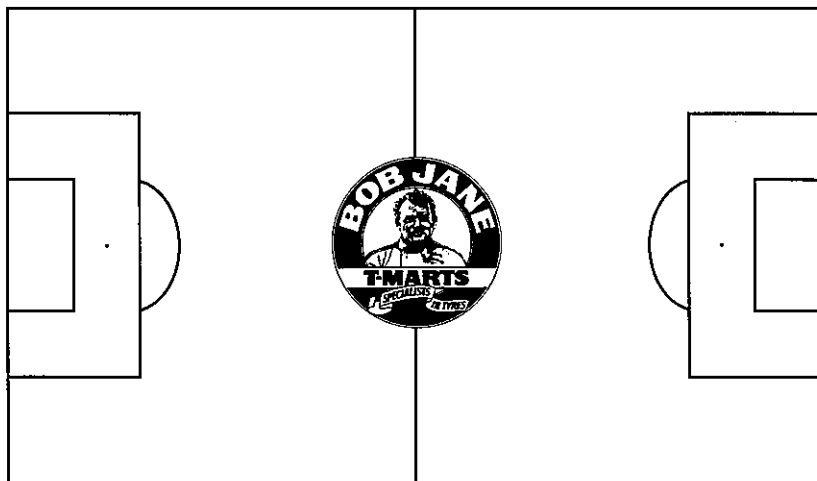
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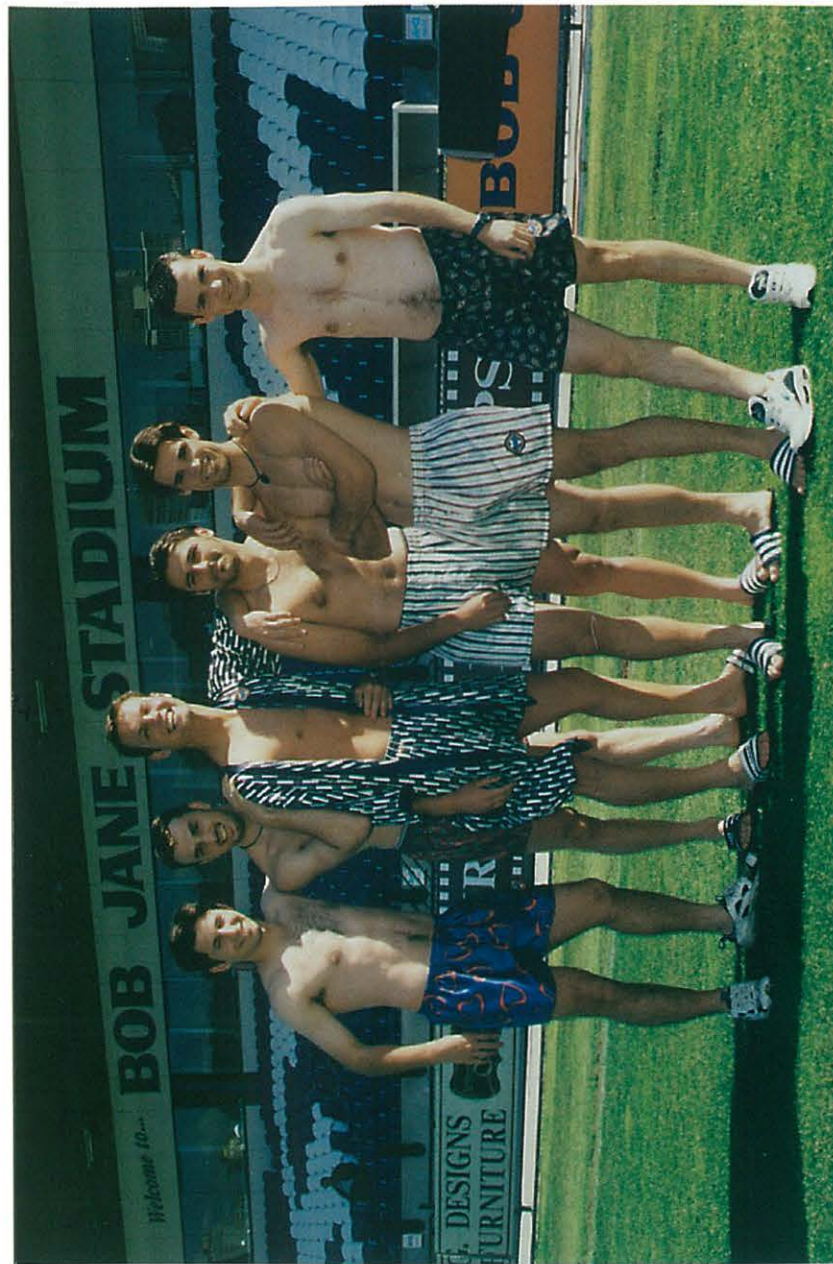


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GIRLS, GIRLS, GIRLS

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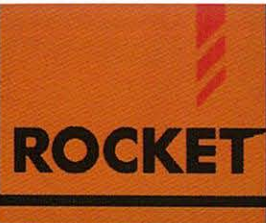
These women include those working in the administration, sometimes seven days a week, making sure that everything is in tune for the fans, VIP's, media and players come match day. Also let us not forget the famous phrase 'behind every great man there is a great woman'. The players wives or girlfriends play in important part of what you see on the field. Having an understanding partner makes it a lot easier for somebody to juggle the busy lifestyle of an A-League player or coach.

Where would the players be without their beloved mothers? By the time these guys make it to the big time, their mothers have had to wash hundreds upon hundreds muddy socks and clothes due to some soccer game or training. Many mothers would of also had to drive all around the state, making sure their son gets to play in the weekend's big game. And what do the players do best when they're injured? You guessed it, straight to mum for a bit of TLC.

Amongst the club's volunteers there are also many girls who are involved through the Supporters Group. They're a great asset to the group, constantly giving us a female's perspective in what is generally a male dominated sport. Unfortunately throughout SM's history there hasn't been too many areas where females could feel comfortable getting involved with. The only thing that pops to mind is the old Miss Hellas quest, organized for women to help raise money for the club. The mixture of males and females in the SG has meant that in the 1990's there is finally a less chauvinistic and intimidating way for females to get involved with the club, where they can mix in and be sure to have many good times and laughter, sometimes even at each other's expense.

So if you've been thinking of a way of meeting more crazy SM fans like yourself, whether they be female or male, simply join the Supporters Group by contacting Liz at the club during the week on 9645-9797, who will kindly forward your details to one of the SG members.





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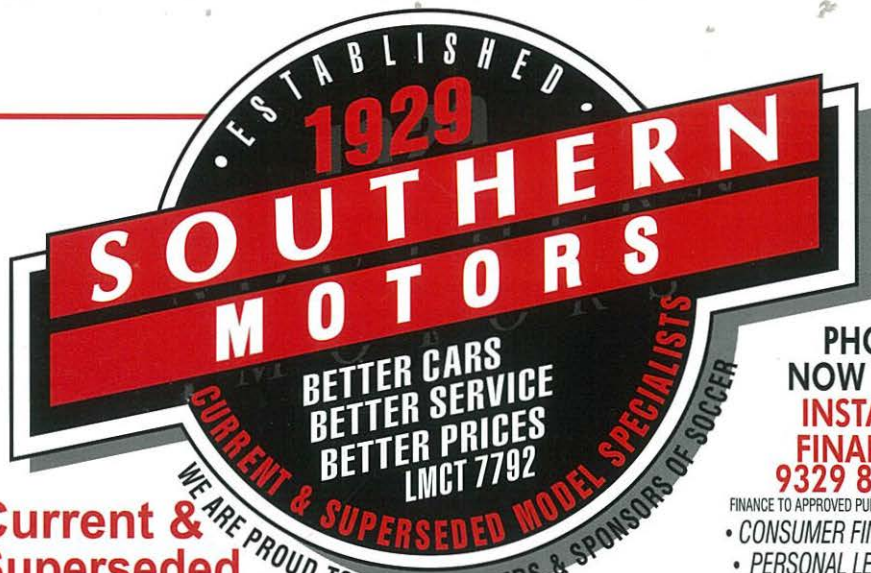
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